

REMARKS

In a restriction requirement mailed June 7, 2006, Applicants were required to select between the following:

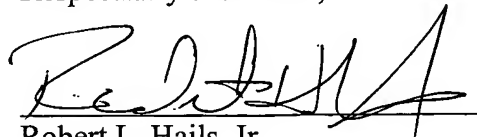
- I. Claims 1-29, drawn to concurrent database query processing; and
- II. Claims 30-31, drawn to digital computer operation partitioning.

Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-29, drawn to concurrent database query processing. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more divisional or continuation application(s) directed to the non-elected subject matter.

Applicants respectfully submit that the restriction requirement is not proper and, therefore, elect with traverse. A restriction requirement is proper only if there would be a serious burden on examination of the application if restriction was not required. See M.P.E.P § 803. If the Examiner performs a comprehensive search of the claims 1-29 within the first group, the burden to examine remaining claims 30-31 should be minimal. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and that examination of all claims proceed on the merits.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon LLP, Deposit Account No. 11-0600. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any matter concerning this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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